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The attached instructions are said to have been issued by the Cominform for combatting political refugees. On the basis of these instructions all the agents of the Communists work among the refugees.

- 1. All means should be used to promote the material (economic?) and religious differences between the political refugees. What we have achieved so far is not altogether satisfactory. It is necessary to harden the hatred between West and East, the old and the new, and vice versa.
- 2. We cannot carry this to such a point that we bring it to the attention of the Allies, because in order for the refugees to become agents of our high policy it is necessary for us rather to kindle the antagonism between the different political groups of exiles and by all means to bring them to disagreement among themselves as to the place where they stay, their life, and their work.
- 3. We ought to transform the fight which they are waging against us into a fight amongst themselves. We should see to it that this fight involves the masses regardless of difficulty and danger.
- 4. It is essential that educational work among the refugees come to nothing. For this purpose we should stimulate incompetent persons without talent to take over the responsible positions in refugee organizations and to promote plans of no merit, so that in this way they will smother the work of able elements that are dangerous for us.
- 5. On the other hand we should promote rivalry among the most able elements of the refugees, particularly among political personages and leaders, i.e. rivalry between persons with ability and those without it. Our particular target should be those uneducated men who think they know something and should "have the say" everywhere. In this way disagreement will enter the ranks of the refugees, and also hatred, dissatisfaction, and indifference. In short there will be no organization left under the form.
- 6. It is necessary to provoke scandals so that the outside world will be persuaded that the cultural value of the present refugees is absolutely

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- 7. Differences must be intensified between the Catholic and Orthodox churches. We must exploit the lofty religious sentiments of the former political leaders of Poland. We must carry the break between Catholics and Orthodox not only outside but also within the church. This is especially necessary in order to blacken the refugees in the eyes of those who are attempting to give them room in the different countries.
- 8. Criminal activity should be promoted by every possible means.
- 9. An effort must be made to bring all camps of refugees under our absolute control. In these camps we must strive to see that confidence between the refugees on the one side and the Government (of the country where the camp is located) on the other is destroyed. By all means it must be impossible for persons who are dangerous to us to obtain official positions in the camps. We must open the way to office to the ignorant, so that we can use them for our own purposes.
- 10. We must provoke general dissatisfaction and despair among the refugees. Special attention must be given to embittering relations between the exiles and Allied authorities, or the officials of other countries in which the regugees may be staying. In particular we must turn the British and American police against the refugees, and we must cause serious clashes between them. We must attempt to transform the friendly relations of the refugees and their foreign protectors into suspicion and hatred.
- 11. We must take advantage of methods and potentialities which within the shortest period of time will create such a situation that every refugee will look upon the Allies as their greatest enemies. This is the most important thing of all at present.
- 12. As far as the refugees' press is concerned, all means should be used to see that the political fight which rages in their pages should be transformed into a national fight in the strictest sense of the word. Abroad we must slander all their newspapers and pamphlets. In carrying out this task we should realize that all who are forcibly returned to their native land are especially valuble today, not only because of the punishment and forced labor which they face, but also because a part of them will be useful for the future struggle against Western imperialism.
- 13. Groups of workers must be penetrated by men able to provoke incidents and clashes. We must lay traps of all kinds. We must provoke incidents particularly in regard to questions of pay and compensation of every kind.
- 14. We must provoke clashes between officers and non-commissioned officers and between them and the common soldiers.
- 15. In short we must take advantage of every opportunity to create the greatest possible disagreement and conflict. We must blacken the refugees in the eyes of foreigners who employ labor. For this purpose it is possible to exploit persons from the ranks of the refugees-persons who are in reality incompetent or envious, who think of themselves as smart but who in reality are stupid. We should exploit boasters, braggarts, etc., etc.

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16. All the services and the leaders of the refugees should be slandered. The material side, especially, should be exploited, i.e. the fact that some of the organizations and services misappropriate money and materials. Elements suitable for this purpose should be encouraged to continue such practices.

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